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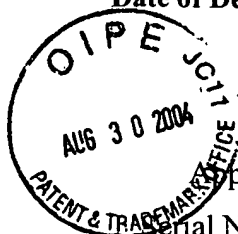
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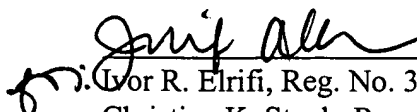
Transmitted herewith for filing in the above-referenced patent application are the following documents:

1. Amendment and Response to Requirement for Restriction (7 pgs);
2. Copy of signed Petition and Amendment to Correct Inventorship in a Nonprovisional Patent Application Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.48(b) – Fewer Inventors Due to Amendment or Cancellation of Claims (2 pgs);
3. Petition for One Month Extension of Time (1 pg.);
4. Check No. 19241 for \$55.00; and
5. Return postcard.

If the enclosed papers are considered incomplete, the Mail Room and/or the Application Branch is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at 617-542-6000, Boston, Massachusetts. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is enclosed.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees that may be due, or to credit any overpayment, to the undersigned's account, Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Ref. No. 21402-240 (CURA-540).

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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO
REQUIREMENT FOR RESTRICTION**

This paper is in response to the Restriction Requirement mailed June 28, 2004 in the above-referenced application. With a one-month extension, a response is due on August 30, 2004 (August 28, 2004 being a Saturday). Applicants submit herewith a Petition for a One-Month Extension of Time, along with the appropriate fee. Accordingly, Applicants believe no addition fees are due in connection with this filing. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Reference No. 21402-240.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.